## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following is a current listing of claims and will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method carried out by a user computing device comprising at least one hardware processor and at least one memory communicatively coupled to said hardware processor, the method comprising:

storing user preferences for accessing user files stored on the user computing device;
based on the user preferences, periodically polling, by the user computing device, a local
computer periodically polling a server for a task requests stored on the server and generated by a
remote computer distinct from the local computer;[[,]]

in response to said periodically polling, the local computer receiving one of said the task requests generated in response to a request by a remote user computer and associated with the remote user computer, the task request identifying one of the user files stored, wherein at least a portion of said one of said task requests comprises a request for directory information of on the local computer user computing device;

receiving, at the user computing device, the task request from the server;

the local computer transmitting the directory information responsive to the task request, causing the one of the user files to be uploaded to the server from the user computing device;

waiting, at the user computing device, for a schedule timer to expire; and repeating at least the above act of polling a server for a task request

in response to said periodically polling, the local computer receiving a subsequent one of said task requests, wherein at least portion of said subsequent one of said task requests comprises a request for a file stored on the local computer and identified in the file directory information; and

<u>in response to receiving said subsequent one of said task requests, the local computer transmitting the file to the server.</u>

(Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 receiving remote the local computer identifying user preferences corresponding to for the
 remote user computer associated with the task request; and

initiating an act of uploading, the local computer transmitting the file to the server based on the remote user preferences.

- 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said <u>periodically</u> polling occurs over a transmission control protocol/[[i]]<u>I</u>nternet protocol stack<del>, through functions specified in a simple object access protocol interpreter</del>.
- 4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein <u>transmitting the file to the server</u> said causing the one of the user files to be uploaded includes:

initiating a request to the user computing device's operating system for requesting the file from an operating system of the local computer one of the user files; and receiving the file one of the user files from the operating system; and uploading the file to the server.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein <u>transmitting the file to the server</u> said causing the one of the user files to be uploaded includes:

initiating a request to the computing device's operating system for the one of the user files;

instructing the <u>an</u> operating system <u>of the local computer</u> to upload the <u>file</u> <del>one of the user</del> <del>files</del> to the server; and

receiving an indication <u>from the operating system</u> that the <u>file</u> <del>one of the user files</del> was uploaded to the server.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein <u>transmitting the file to the server</u> said causing the one of the user files to be uploaded includes:

initiating a request to a message access protocol interface for the <u>file</u> <del>one of the user files</del> from a message access protocol interface database; and

receiving the file one of the user files from the message access protocol database.

- 7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the act of causing the one of the user files to be uploaded transmitting the file to the server further includes transmitting the file instructing the one of the user files to be sent to the server from the message access protocol database.
- 8. (Currently amended) [[A]] <u>An article of manufacture comprising a non-transitory computer readable storage medium having program instructions stored thereon that, in response to execution by a local computer, cause the local computer to perform operations, the medium comprising:</u>

instructions for storing user preferences for accessing user files stored on a user computing device;

instructions for periodically polling a server, based on the user preferences, for a task requests generated by a remote computer separate from the local computer;[[,]]

receiving one of the task requests the task request generated in response to a request by a remote user computer and associated with the remote user computer, the task request identifying one of the user files for file directory information of residing on the [[a]] local user computer in response to said periodically polling;

instructions for receiving the task request from the server;

instructions for, responsive to the task request, causing the <u>file directory information</u> one of the user files to be uploaded to the server from the local computer to the server;

receiving another of the task requests for a file indicated in the file directory information in response to said periodically polling; and

causing the file to be uploaded from the local computer to the server.

instructions for waiting for a schedule timer to expire; and
instructions for repeating at least the above act of polling.

9. (Currently amended) The <u>article of manufacture</u> non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, the operations further comprising:

instructions for receiving identifying remote user preferences associated with for the remote user-computer-associated with the task request; and

instructions for initiating an act of uploading the file [[,]] based on the remote user preferences.

- 10. (Currently amended) The <u>article of manufacture</u> non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein the instructions for periodically polling occurs over a transmission control protocol/[[i]]Internet protocol stack, through functions specified in the simple object access protocol interpreter.
- 11. (Currently amended) The <u>article of manufacture</u> non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein said instructions for causing the <u>file</u> one of the user files to be uploaded includes:

instructions for initiating a request to the local user computer requesting the file from an operating system for the one of the user files; and

instructions for receiving the <u>file</u> one of the user files from the <u>local user computer</u> operating system; and

uploading the file to the server.

12. (Currently amended) The <u>article of manufacture</u> non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein said instructions for causing the <u>file</u> one of the user files to be uploaded includes:

instructions for initiating a request to the local user computer operating system for the one of the user files:

instructions for instructing an the local user computer operating system to upload the file one of the user files to the server; and

instructions for receiving an indication from the operating system that the file one of the user files was uploaded to the server.

13. (Currently amended) The <u>article of manufacture</u> non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein said instructions for causing the <u>file</u> one of the user files to be uploaded includes:

instructions for initiating a request to a message access protocol interface for the <u>file</u> one of the user files from a message access protocol interface database; and

instructions for receiving the <u>file</u> one of the user files from the message access protocol database.

- 14. (Currently amended) The <u>article of manufacture</u> non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein said instructions for causing the <u>file</u> one of the user files to be uploaded includes <u>causing the file</u> instructions for instructing the one of the user files to be sent to the server from the message access protocol database.
- 15. (Currently amended) A system comprising <u>a local computer having</u> at least one hardware processor and at least one memory communicatively coupled to said hardware processor, the at least one memory having stored therein computer-executable instructions <u>that implement</u> for <u>implementing</u>:

a task processor that, during operation, for periodically polls a server for a task request at a polling interval polling, based on user preferences, a server for a task request, wherein the task request identifying a user file residing in said system, the task request generated is generated by a remote computer distinct from the local computer and stored on the server in response to an inquiry from the a request by a remote user computer for file structure information of the local computer and associated with the remote user computer; and

a subsystem for causing, in response to the task request, the user file to be uploaded to the server from the system;

a schedule timer communicatively coupled to the task processor that, during operation, controls the for controlling a task processor polling interval; and

one or more protocol stacks for communicating over a network with the server.

16. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the <u>computer-executable</u> <u>instructions further implement</u> one or more protocol stacks includes a transmission control protocol/[[i]]Internet protocol stack <u>configured to communicate with the server</u>.

17-18. (Canceled).

- 19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the task processor, during operation, is executable further configured to initiate a request to a message application programming interface database storing at least one of an e-mail or a calendar information.
- 20. (Currently amended) The system of claim 19 [[15]], wherein the task processor, during operation, is executable to receive at least one of the email or the calendar information from the further configured to receive the user file from a message application programming interface database.

21-30. (Canceled).

- 31. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the <u>further comprising the local</u> <u>computer controlling said periodic polling with a schedule</u> timer <u>that</u> resides in <u>the local</u> <u>computer and is controlled by a local agent module</u>.
- 32. (Currently amended) The <u>article of manufacture</u> non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, the operations further comprising controlling said periodic polling with a the schedule timer residing in the local computer resides in and is controlled by a local agent.
- 33. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the schedule timer resides in and is controlled by a local agent the file structure information at least in part enables inspection of a portion of a file structure residing on the local computer.

- 34. (Currently amended) The <u>method</u> system of claim 1 [[15]], wherein the one or more protocol stacks includes a simple object access protocol interpreter the directory information enables navigation of directories within the local computer.
- 35. (Currently amended) The <u>article of manufacture system</u> of claim <u>8</u> [[15]], <u>further comprising a subsystem for executing a task from the task request wherein the file directory information comprises information that enables browsing of files in the local computer.</u>